Department of Corrections Advisory Council Work Plan 2007-2009

Based on the "purposes and duties" section of the governor's executive order, the following work plan is offered as a starting point for council discussion. All of the meetings would occur on Tuesday and/or Wednesday.

Meeting 2

- Feb. 12, 2008
- Helena, state Capitol, Room 152
- Meet with consultant
- Analyze current adult and juvenile offender population trends and begin development of long-term projections
- Recidivism report

Meeting 3

- May 13-14, 2008
- Boulder
- Determine the potential future infrastructure needs necessary to increase capacity within community corrections and prison alternatives programs:
 - o Probation and parole
 - Officers
 - Support staff
 - Offices
 - Revocation authority
 - Tribal relations
 - Juvenile offenders
 - Mental health needs
 - Officers
 - Re-entry (guide homes, mentors and parish nurses)
 - Prerelease centers
 - Sex offender placement issues
 - Screening committees (members invited)
 - Substance-abuse treatment
 - Intensive supervision
 - Mental health treatment
 - Revocation and sanctions
- Tour Riverside Youth Correctional Center, Elkhorn (meth) Treatment Center and Helena Prerelease Center

Meeting 4

- Aug. 12-13, 2008
- Deer Lodge
- Review and analyze the existing infrastructure at Montana State Prison and the Montana Women's Prison, and begin developing recommendations on future needs
- Tour Montana State Prison's infrastructure

Meeting 5

- Nov. 11-12, 2008 (tour available of Shelby prison Nov. 10)
- Great Falls
- Analyze the existing state-private partnerships being used to provide capacity in the corrections system and determine the ability of Montana private, nonprofit corporations to continue to fulfill this cooperative role with the state
 - Alternatives Inc.
 - o Community, Counseling and Correctional Services Inc.
 - o Boyd Andrew Community Services
 - o Missoula Correctional Services
 - Great Falls Prerelease Services Inc.
 - Corrections Corporation of America
 - Cascade County
 - Dawson County
- Tour Great Falls Prerelease Center, Cascade County Regional Prison, Youth Transition Center and probation and parole office (8:30 a.m. Tuesday)
- Visit drug court (1:30 p.m. Tuesday)

Meeting 6

- Feb. 10-11, 2009
- Helena
- Review information collected at previous meetings
- Discuss possible recommendations to meet needs of community corrections, alternative programs and secure care facilities

Meeting 7

- May 12-13, 2009
- Helena
- Finalize recommendations and cost estimates

Meeting 8 (video conference)

- Aug. 18, 2009
- Adopt final report to the governor